

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On page 3...

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Pappas. (Laughter.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you have page 3 of the bill before you?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now dealing again with what Senator Pappas was talking about, starting in line 7, we strike language and then we get to line 8 where it says "domestic animal shall mean any dog or cat" and "cat shall mean a cat which is a household pet". Is a bobcat a cat?

SENATOR DIERKS: I would imagine it is, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then, if a person had that bobcat as a pet, then that would qualify it as one of the cats which would be a domestic animal under this provision of law.

SENATOR DIERKS: I think I know where you are leading, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not trying to lead anywhere. I'm just.... I think what Senator Pappas mentioned, and I think it is a good point, the terms that are used to define these words are very, very broad and probably would include things that you don't intend to include, unless every member of the feline family would be what you intended. And I didn't think that. I'm not that familiar with the bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: I think you're right, cat includes bobcat, puma, cougar, whatever you want to....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So would you want to do something about the definition? I don't mean it has to be done on the floor, but no matter what we say it means, the language in the law will be construed based on what is there. And since any cat, which is a domestic animal, is a cat for purposes of this bill...you know a household pet becomes a domestic animal.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right.